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GROUP 1700**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, as previously amended, in the first paragraph labeled "CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS", please amend the paragraph as follows:

The present application is a division of co-pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/223,670, now U.S. Patent 6,426,309, entitled STORM PROOF ROOFING MATERIAL, filed December 30, 1998.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) An asphalt-based roofing material comprising:
a substrate coated with an asphalt coating, the asphalt coating including an upper surface that is positioned above the substrate when the roofing material is installed on a roof, and a lower region that is positioned below the substrate when the roofing material is installed on the roof,
a protective coating adhered to the upper surface of the asphalt coating,
a surface layer of granules adhered to the protective coating, and
a web bonded to the lower region of the asphalt coating, the web comprising materials having an ultimate tensile elongation of greater than about six percent.
2. (Original) The roofing material of claim 1 which, when tested under impact resistance test UL 2218, exhibits an impact resistance improvement of at least two UL 2218 classes compared with the same roofing material without the web.
3. (Previously Canceled)
4. (Previously Canceled)
5. (Original) The roofing material of claim 1 including a portion that is normally exposed when the roofing material is installed on a roof, in which the